

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The title has been amended as follows:

-- CERAMIC PLATE [MATERIAL] FOR SIDE [DAM] WEIR OF TWIN[-]DRUM [STRIP
CASTER] TYPE CONTINUOUS CASTING APPARATUS --

The claims have been amended as follows:

3. A ceramic plate material for the side dams of a twin-drum strip caster according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized by consisting of, in terms of mass%, BN of not less than 5% to not more than 20%, AlN of more than 15% to not more than 40% and Si_3N_4 of not less than 40% to not more than 80%.
5. A ceramic plate material for the side dams of a twin-drum strip caster according to claim [3 or] 4, characterized by further containing, in terms of mass%, one or more of: Al_2O_3 of not less than 1% to not more than 15%, MgO of not less than 1% to not more than 15%, ZrO_2 of not less than 1% to not more than 30% and Y_2O_3 of not less than 1% to not more than 15%.